

## CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7:15 pm.

**Present** Cllr's Mr Halling (Chairman), Mrs Watts, Mr Slater, Mr Patrick and Mr Bindoff.

**In attendance** Ms J Shields (Clerk).

### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Hughes, Cllr Brazier, Mrs L Eyre (County and District Cllr), Mr Folkes (District Cllr) and PC Greenhouse.

### 2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Watts non - prejudicial interest item 10.

### 3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. Invoices for Payment.

Lengthsman £160.00 and Clerks Expenses £149.75.

### 5. Correspondence.

**Action** Clerk to write to swjcs advising that the parish has no suitable land for housing. Resignation letter had been received from Cllr Brazier. **Action** Clerk to inform Wychavon and to write and thank Paul for his appreciated contribution to the council. Cllr Slater would keep the key to the notice board until Cllr Watts return from holiday.

### 6. Reports

#### a) Clerk.

#### b) P C Greenhouse/PACT/Smartwater.

#### c) Planning Reports.

#### For Consideration

W/08/03018/CU Barnfield Cider Mill, Childswickham Road, Broadway, WR12 7HB Development proposal for new Chalet Park to include 15 mobile homes and access road. Although the application is outside Childswickham PC it would have a greater impact upon the village than that of Broadway, its own PC. The development proposed is outside Broadways village boundaries and away from local amenities; creating a need to travel unnecessarily; the land is believed to be designated agricultural and productive. The development would consume open farmland that currently absorbs rainfall and proposal is seen as increasing the level and speed of water run-off entering the system that flows through the village. There are inadequate utility and existing service connections. There will be increased noise and light pollution to an existing rural position. There would be additional highway movement onto and off the site. We question the arguments for the demand or need for such development in this location; the caravan site directly opposite has existing permission to increase the number of similar units to 400+.

#### d) Finance/Clerks Finance Support Group.

#### e) Roads/Pathways.

Cllr Bindoff is carrying out repairs to footpaths and styles.

#### f) Training

#### g) Playing Fields.

Cllr Patrick had attended several workshops. **Action** Clerk to write to Mrs Newbury and Mr Hasler regarding the Deed on the playing field. **Action** Clerk to write to Mr Ebery to ask for the grass to be mowed to the boundary fence.

#### h) Lengthsman.

Clerk had signed the Lengthsman Scheme contract with Worcestershire County Council for the coming financial year and had renewed the contract between the council and Mr Gwilliam for the same period.

#### i) Emergency Officer.

#### j) County Councillor.

#### k) District Councillor.

### 7. Update on the Contribution to Area Speed Camera.

Cllr Slater had attended a recent meeting, with representatives from Broadway, Badsey and Wickhamford. There are two options for mobile speed signs, solar Powered and battery

powered; of the two options the later was deemed to be the better option. The sign will cost £2,500.00 plus a cost of between £200.00 and £400.00 for the posts, which will be sited by Wychavon. The sign will spend 13 weeks per year in each of the four villages, being moved by a suitable trained person ie a Lengthsman. The running costs and the logistics are yet to be discussed. The council agreed to provide a quarter of the cost of one sign, a ceiling of £1,000.00 having been agreed at a previous meeting.

**8. Update on a Bus Shelter in Blacksmiths Lane**

Cllr Patrick will attend a meeting with Highways, police and other interested bodies regarding the siting of the bus shelter.

**9. Update on Flood Meeting.**

Cllr Halling, Watts, Slater and Patrick had attended a meeting with Mr C Chandler, Project Manager of the Flood Risk Management Scheme. Encouraging positive action seems to be taking place by the Environment Agency. Since July 2007 information has been gathered and assessed. Two possible schemes had been looked at; the first, north of Childswickham, became unusable because of geological conditions of sand and domestic service. The second, south of Childswickham, will be taken to the next phase, the scheme which may be started in Broadway in this financial year will not be implemented in Childswickham until 2010.

**10. To Discuss Contributions to Local Organisations.**

Cllr Halling proposed, Cllr Patrick seconded and it was agreed to donate £250.00 to the Parish Magazine. Cllr Slater proposed, Cllr Halling seconded and it was agreed to donate £150.00 to the CAB, Cllr Watts abstained from voting.

**11. Items for Future Agenda.**

Vacancy for Councillor and Finance Report.

**12. Date Of Next Meeting**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 and the Annual Parish Council meeting followed by Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009.